

# Tēnā koe, Tā Kereama!

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Ko Tā Kereama

**K**āhore he wāhi atu i Te Papa Tongarewa i whakanuitia ai a Tā Kereama me Reiri Emere Rātima mō ngā mahi nui i mahia ai e rāua kotahi i ngā tau ki muri. Tae noa mai ki te wā i whakaarongia e Tā Kereama te whakaaro me tuku iho i a ia i roto i ana hanga pai mō tana iwi Māori, i tautoko kaha a Reiri Emere i a ia. Kāhore he pai o te tangata i roto i ana mahi mehemea kāhore he wahine kaha kei muri hei tautoko i a ia, nā reira ka mihi ki a Reiri Emere. E whae, tēnā koe. Ka huri ake i tēnei wā mō ngā mahi i mahia ai e Tā Kereama. Nō te tau 1956 ka tohungia

a ia he māngai mō ngā wātene Māori o Ngāti Whātua ki Kaipara. Mai i te tau 1961 ki te tau 1979 ka mahi ake a ia i runga i tana pāmu i Tinopai i Kaipara. Nō te tau 1963 ka tohungia a ia ki te Kaunihera ā-rohe o Te Tai Tokerau. I te 1964 ka tohungia a ia i roto i ngā tāngata e toru, ko rātou hei māngai mō roto i Te Kaunihera Māori o Aotearoa mō Te Tai Tokerau.

Nō te tau 1969 ka tohungia a ia hei perehitini tuarua mō Te Kaunihera Māori o Aotearoa. He maha noa atu ngā tūranga i riro i a ia i muri mai. Engari nā tōna kaha mō tana iwi Māori ka riro i a ia te taitara Tā ka mau mai ki runga ki a ia me tana hoa rangatira a Reiri Emere. Nō te tau 1990 ka riro i ia te tūranga heamana mō Ngā Kaitiaki Rēti Ngahere Karauna. Ko tētahi atu o ngā tūranga i riro i a ia, hei mema o te Hinota Whānui o te Hāhi Mihingare.

Ka hoki mai ki ngā rā i tae mai ai ētahi o ngā mema Pāremata, me ētahi o ngā rangatira o ngā kamupene nunui o Aotearoa ki te mihi ki a ia i Te Papa Tongarewa i Te Whanganui a Tara nei mō taua rā katoa, arā, te Tūrei te 21 o Whiringa-ā-nuku. Nō te pō ka hākaringia te kaupapa nei i te Whare Pāremata. “E koro, mā te matua nui i te rangi kourua ko Reiri Emere e manaaki mō te roanga ake o tō kourua orange i te ao nei.”



NGĀ MIHI O TE RAUMAĪ